Selection of Divisional Medical Officers

2677. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA:

SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of times when Special Selection for Divisional Medical Officers has taken place since April 1980 to 31st March, 1987 except the Combined Medical Services Exams. held by UPSC every year; and

(b) what is the total number of candidates selected in those special selections each time and the number of those who were from Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) No Special Selection for Divisional Medcal Officers has taken place. However, two Special Selections for General Assistant Divisional Medical Officers, during the period from April, 1980 to 31st March, 1987 were made through the Union Public Service Commission. The number of candidates in the general category as also in the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe categories in these selections are indicated below:—

	1982	1985
General	155	230
Scheduled Castes	30	47
Scheduled Tribes	13	23
Total	198	300

Cracks in the foundation of Badrinath Temple

2678. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether cracks have developed in the foundation of Badrinath Temple;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether any steps are being taken by Government to preserve the temple and to get it repaired?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) The Badrinath Temple is not a centrally protected monument. It is managed by the Sri Badri Kodar Temple Committee. It was in 1970 that cracks were observed in the Temple and in buildings nearby, due to erosion caused by the Alaknanda and sub-soil flow of water. A Press Report (July 24) indicated that cracks have developed in the foundation of the Temple Complex. However, a recent inspection in June 1988 by the Archaeological Survey of India has not revealed any visible cracks. The Uttar Pradesh Government have also informed the Department of Culture that no fresh damage and cracks have been observed from November 1987 to July 1988 in the Temple and its adjoining buildings.

Maintenance and repair measures are undertaken regularly by the authorities concerned. A scheme of anti-avalanche works proposed in the reports of the Snow and Avalanche Study Establishment, Manali amounting to Rs. 56.09 lakhs was approved by Technical Advisory Committee of Irrigation Department, U.P. in the